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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

John F. McFadden (UNLICENSED)

Administrative Action CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the State Board of Social Work Examiners ("Board") upon the request of John F. McFadden("respondent") for reinstatement of his license to practice social work as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker ("LCSW"). Respondent explained that the mitigating factors for failing to renew his license since the biennial renewal period of 1998-2000 included: (1) his mistaken belief that his employment was exempt from relevant licensing requirements; (2) the illness of his spouse medical condition diverted his attention from whose professional affairs; and (3) the fact that he had accumulated the required number of

continuing education credits during this unlicensed period.

During the period in which respondent did not renew his license, it appears that he continued to engage in the practice of clinical social work, notwithstanding that he did not possess a license in New Jersey in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:15BB-4, N.J.A.C. 13:44G-1.3 and N.J.A.C. 13:44G-9.3. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1, any professional license not renewed withing thirty days of its expiration date shall be suspended, and any individual who continues to practice after that date shall be deemed to be engaged in unlicensed practice.

Respondent, while neither admitting nor denying any acts of any wrongdoing in connection with the non-renewal of his LCSW license, desires to resolve this matter without further proceedings, and the Board finding the entry of the Consent Order to be in the public interest,

IT IS ON THIS 13th DAY OF JUNE 2003, HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT

- 1. A license to practice social work in the State of New Jersey as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker shall be reinstated to John F. McFadden upon completion of all requirements for reinstatement.
- 2. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) for practicing clinical social work without a license from September 2000 until September 2002. Said penalty shall be paid by certified check or money order made payable to the

State of New Jersey and submitted to the Kay K. McCormack, Executive Director, State Board of Social Work Examiners, PO Box 45033, New Jersey 07101, within twenty-one days of the entry of the within Consent Order.

3. Based upon the record before it, the Board finds that the entry of this Consent Order resolves this matter without requiring respondent to surrender his LCSW license.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS

Doreen J. Bobby, MSW, LOSW

President

I have read the within Consent Order and understand its terms. I hereby consent to its entry and to be bound by the Consent Order's terms.

John F. McFadden

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☐ Payment Enclosed